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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF TURKISH AID

CONGRESSIONAL OPPONENTS OF S.846, AS AMENDED, REGARDING
THE RESUMPTION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM THE U.S. TO TURKEY
HAVE CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JULY 22.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR COLLEAGUE:

WE ARE WRITING TO URGE THAT YOU JOIN US IN VOTING AGAINST
S.846, AS AMENDED, THE BILL TO RESUME ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM
THE UNITED STATES TO TURKEY.

S.846 ALLOWS: A) IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT OF \$185 MILLION IN
ARMS ORDERED BY TURKEY BEFORE THE FEBRUARY CUTOFF;
B) IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF ALL COMMERCIAL ARMS SALES; C)
ARMS SALES, LATER THIS YEAR, BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
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MENT, INCLUDING CREDIT SALES AT SUBSIDIZED INTEREST

RATES.

THE BILL HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A "COMPROMISE"; IT IS NO COMPROMISE. TURKEY GETS ARMS BUT IS REQUIRED TO DO NOTHING ABOUT THE CAUSE OF THE CUTOFF -- USING ARMS SUPPLIED BY THE UNITED STATES TO OCCUPY CYPRUS -- IN VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS OF BOTH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AND THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT.

WE FAVOR RESUMPTION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY -- PROVIDED THAT TURKEY ACTS TO REMEDY THE RESULTS OF ITS AGGRESSION IN CYPRUS.

WE DO NOT FAVOR YIELDING TO TURKEY'S THREAT TO SHUT DOWN U.S. MILITARY BASES THERE.

WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD INSIST ON UPHOLDING THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE WRITTEN INTO OUR LAWS -- THAT COUNTRIES RECEIVING ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES MAY NOT USE THEM FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES.

WE HOPE YOU WILL VOTE TO UPHOLD THIS PRINCIPLE -- AND OUR LAWS -- BY VOTING AGAINST S.846, AS AMENDED.

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